Date Searched: 6/19/2007

Databases Searched: USPAT, USPGPUB

Plurals: ON Terms Searched:

L1 flat\$6 near5 hierarch\$6

L2 (parameter\$8 or character\$8) near5 (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor)

L3 (shar\$3 or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\$2 or match\$3) near5 (parameter\$8 or character\$8)

L4 1 and 2 and 3 L5 716/1-18.ccls.

L6 4 and 5 and @pd>"20070309"

Results: 1 hit

L7 (flat\$6 near5 hierarch\$6) or non-hierarch\$6

L8 (shar\$3 or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\$2 or match\$3 or like) near5 (parameter\$8 or character\$8) near15 (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor)

L9 (id or identif\$8 or value or number or identity) same 8

L10 7 and 9

L11 5 and 10 and @pd>"20070309"

Results: 0 hit

L12 (10 or 4) and 703/14-16.ccls. and @pd>"20070309"

Results: 0 hit

\*\*Interference Search\*\*\*

Database Searched: USPGPUB

Plurals: ON Terms Searched:

L1 (((flat\$6 near5 hierarch\$6) or non-hierarch\$6) and ((shar\$3 or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\$2 or match\$3 or like) near5 (parameter\$8 or character\$8) near15 (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor)) near15 (id or identif\$8 or value or number or identity) and (delta or differen\$8 or vary\$3 or variation)).clm. Results: 1 hit

L2 (((flat\$6 near5 hierarch\$6) or non-hierarch\$6) and ((shar\$3 or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\$2 or match\$3 or like) near5 (parameter\$8 or character\$8) near15 (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor)) near15 (id or identif\$8 or value or number or identity) ).clm.

Results: 1 hit

Date Searched: 3/9/2007

Databases Searched: USPAT, USPGPUB

Plurals: ON Terms Searched:

L1 flat\$6 near5 hierarch\$6

L2 (parameter\$8 or character\$8) near5 (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor)

L3 (shar\$3 or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\$2 or match\$3) near5 (parameter\$8 or character\$8)

L4 1 and 2 and 3 Results: 189 hits L5 716/1-18.ccls. L6 4 and 5

Results: 48 hits

- L7 (flat\$6 near5 hierarch\$6) or non-hierarch\$6
- L8 (shar\$3 or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\$2 or match\$3 or like) near5 (parameter\$8 or character\$8) near15 (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor)
- L9 (id or identif\$8 or value or number or identity) same 8

L10 7 and 9 Results: 107 hits L11 5 and 10 Results: 27 hits

L12 (10 or 4) and 703/14-16.ccls.

Results: 10 hits

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Plurals: ON Terms Searched:

L1 (flat\$6 near5 hierarch\$6) or non-hierarch\$6

L2 (shar\$3 or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\$2 or match\$3 or like) near5 (parameter\$8 or character\$8) near15 (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor)

L3 (id or identif\$8 or value or number or identity) same 2

L4 1 and 3 Results: 0 hits

L5 3 and g06f017\$.ipc. and unique

Results: 0 hit

L6 (IBM TDB only) 3 and unique

Results: 3 hits

L7 (parameter\$8 or character\$8) near5 (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor)

L8 (shar\$3 or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\$2 or match\$3) near5 (parameter\$8 or character\$8)

L9 1 and 7 and 8

Results: 0 hit

L10 7 and 8 and unique and g06f017\$.ipc.

Results: 3 hits

L11 (IBM TDB only) 7 and 8 an unique

Results: 9 hits

NN8809135 IBM TDB

Database Searched: IEE/IEEE Xplore

Terms Searched: ((flat\* <near/5> hierarch\*) or non-hierarch\*) and (shar\* or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\* or match\* or like) <near/5> (parameter\* or character\*) <near/15> (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor) and

(id or identif\* or value or number or identity)

Results: Your search matched **0** documents

Terms Searched: (parameter\* or character\*) < near/5> (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor) and (shar\* or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\* or match\*) < near/5> (parameter\* or character\*) and ((flat\* < near/5> hierarch\*) or non-hierarch\*)

Results: Your search matched **0** documents

Terms Searched: (shar\* or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\* or match\* or like) <near/5> (parameter\* or character\*) <near/15> (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor) and (id or identif\* or value or number or identity)

Results: Your search matched 135 of 1516137 documents

Terms Searched: (shar\* or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\* or match\* or like) <near/5> (parameter\* or character\*) <near/15> (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor) and (id or identif\* or value or number or identity) and (circuit or ic or vlsi or lsi)

Results: Your search matched **0** documents

## **EAST Search History**

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L19	1	(((flat\$6 near5 hierarch\$6) or non-hierarch\$6) and ((shar\$3 or common or similar or alike or "same" or identical\$2 or match\$3 or like) near5 (parameter\$8 or character\$8) near15 (cell or macro or macrocell or microcell or element or component or module or transistor)) near15 (id or identif\$8 or value or number or identity) ).clm.	US-PGPUB	OR	ON	2007/06/19 18:04